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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-4, 11, 13 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 5, 6, 9, and 14-16 as follows:

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5. (Twice Amended) DNA which codes for the serine protease, domain or their partial peptides as claimed in claim 21.

6. (Twice Amended) DNA which codes for a peptide having serine protease, domain or their partial peptide activity, and is hybridizable with DNA that codes for the serine protease, domain or their partial peptides as claimed in claim 21 under stringent conditions.

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